142. Admission of Ezhavas to all public places.

Mr. V. R. Kochunni Vaidyan (Member, Nominated) spoke about the necessity of giving the Ezhavas admission to all public places and charitable institutions and requested the removal of all sign boards prohibiting Ezhavas from using certain roads and lanes at Kottayam, Vaikom, Suchindram, &c.

He next submitted that there were still some schools which were not open to Ezhava children. One such was the Fort Vernacular school at Trivandrum. It was necessary that Ezhava girls should have access to that school also.

Dewan.—Government, after consulting the members of the Ezhava community, have opened a branch school at Petta for the admission of girls of all classes.

The Member submitted that, in spite of the opening of a branch school at Petta, the Fort Vernacular school should be thrown open to Ezhava girls, as otherwise they would still smart under the stigma implied in their exclusion.

There were some departments, such as the Land Revenue Department, which were closed against Ezhavas. That disability should also be removed.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

143. Suggestions for the amelioration of the present condition of the Muslims of Travancore.

Mr. S. Adam Sait (Member, Nominated) made the following suggestions for ameliorating the condition of Muslims in Travancore:—

1. The appointment of a Muslim Inspector of schools to superintend Muslim education. Government has made provision for the appointment, but the nomination should soon be made.

2. The employment of Mahomedan teachers in Vernacular and English schools to popularise education in the community. There were qualified hands available, who had failed so far to secure appointments.

3. The appointment of Arabic Munshis in schools where sufficient attendance of Mahomedan youths could be reckoned upon. A few such schools were the H. G. E. School at Trivandrum, the Vernacular schools at Neyyattinkara, Kaniapurom, Chirayinkil, and Attungal, the Mahomedan school at Thengapattanam, and the English High School at Quilon.

4. The award of scholarships to Mahomedan boys at a total cost of Rs. 3,300 to be distributed thus:—two in the Intermediate class at Rs. 10 per mensem; two in the B. A. class at Rs. 15 per mensem; 15 in the IV, V and VI Forms at Rs. 7 per mensem; 24 in the I, II and III Forms at Rs. 5 per mensem. He further submitted that the Mahomedans also should be shown consideration in the grant of foreign scholarships for technical education.

5. Adequate representation of Mahomedans in the public service, and steady encouragement to the few already in service.

6. Provision of residential facilities to students in general, including Mahomedans by means of hostels.

7. Appointment of a Mahomedan member to the Legislative Council.

8. Recognition of the following Mahomedan holidays as general holidays, *viz.*, *Bar-wafat*, *Ramzan-id*, *Bakarid* and *Moharam 10th*.

He next requested the insertion of the important Mahomedan festivals and holidays in the State Almanac and Directory. Lastly, he mentioned with regret that some Mahomedan students were refused admission into the Arts College, though their number was very few and requested that necessary steps be taken to prevent the repetition of such an occurrence.

Mr. M. A. Navurkani Rowther (Member, Nominated) suggested the adoption of the following measures to improve the condition of the Mahomedan community:—

1. Arrangements should be made to allow half-fee concession to all Mahomedan boys reading in aided schools.

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